07th Expansion presents Welcome to Rokkenjima.
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Episode8:Twilight of the golden witch.
Confession of the golden witch ③

I SHALL RETURN ROKKENJIMA AND THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD OF USHIROMIYA TO THE GOLDEN LAND.
FOR THAT IS THE CURSE OF BEATRICE THE WITCH OF GOLD WHO ENTHRALS THIS HOUSEHOLD.

WE WANT TO REPAY THE COMPASSION YOU HAD FOR US WITH ANY CHANCE OF MAKING YOU HAPPY.
WE DON'T NEED ANY MONEY FOR THAT!
WE WILL DO WHATEVER IS IN OUR POWERS WHEN IT COMES TO YOU!
I WILL GIVE YOU AS MANY INGOTS AS YOU WANT FOR IT.
I WANT YOU TO DO EXACTLY AS I SAY DURING THE FAMILY CONFERENCE THIS YEAR
DOCTOR NANJO, KUMASAWA -SAN, I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK OF YOU AS THE FAMILY HEAD.
OF COURSE WE WILL PLAY ALONG!
A MURDER MYSTERY GAME?
YES.
YOU WILL GRANT ME WHATEVER I ORDER YOU TO DO, RIGHT? AS FAMILY HEAD I CAN DO WITH THIS ISLAND AND THE HOUSEHOLD AS I PLEASE, RIGHT?
GENJI -SAN, YOU ARE MY MOST LOYAL FURNITURE, ARE YOU NOT?!
YES.

IN THIS BODY THAT CAN'T EVEN LOVE!
I WOULD NEVER HAVE WANTED TO LIVE!
EVEN IF I WERE TO SAY I WANTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE TOGETHER WITH THIS WHOLE HOUSEHOLD?
...
YES.
I SHALL SERVE YOU UNTIL THE VERY END.
FOR I TOO AM TO BLAME FOR DRIVING YOU INTO THIS CORNER, MY MISTRESS.

...
THANK YOU.

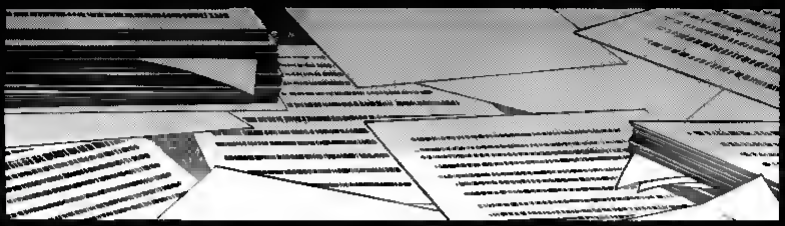
RULE X: THE ACCOMPLICE IS DIFFERENT EVERY TIME.
THE ADULTS ARE ALL IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE.
IT IS EASY TO BRIBE THEM.

RULE Y: LIES AGREED ON BY EVERYONE CAN BE DEPICTED AS ACTUALLY HAPPENING.
IN A LOCKED ROOM SITUATION ANYTHING GOES.

PEOPLE WHO OBSERVE THE GOLDEN BUTTERFLIESARE EITHER ACCOMPLICES OR DEAD.
THOSE WHO WERE NOT BRIBED CAN ONLY SEE THE GOLDEN BUTTERFLIES IN THE TIMESPACE OF 30 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR DEATH.

FROM THAT POINT ONWARDS I BEGAN TO WRITE DOWN PLANS FOR A CRIME AS IF I HAD GONE MAD.

TO QUESTION WHICH FUTURE MIGHT BE THE BEST AND WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT SATISFY ME...



I WROTE THESE TALES OF ENDLESS OCTOBER 4TH TO 5TH EMBELLISHED WITH THIS ILLUSION OF MAGIC.

TO ME, BEING USED TO PLAYING AROUND WITH DELUSIONS, THIS WAS NO MERE PLAN FOR A CRIME...

BUT ALSO THE IDEA OF PARALLEL WORLDS ON THIS DAY OF THE CRIME.

AS IF MY SOUL WAS RELEASED FROM MY BODY AND I WAS ABLE TO EXPERIENCE ALL OF THESE WORLDS...

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as a sacrifice and died.
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DIE!
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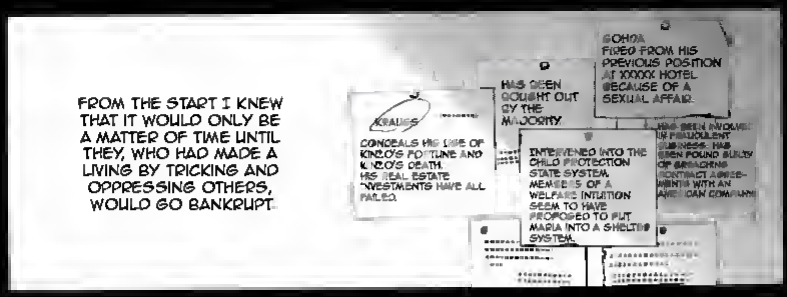
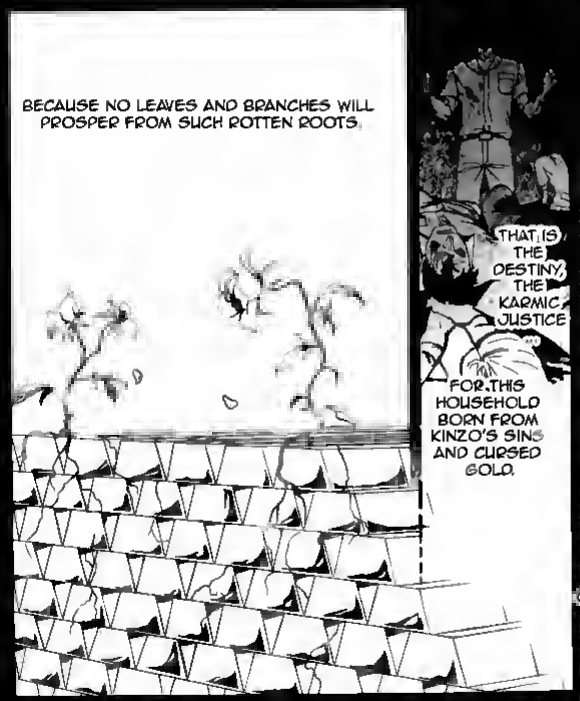

FROM THE START I KNEW THAT IT WOULD ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THEY, WHO HAD MADE A LIVING BY TRICKING AND OPPRESSING OTHERS, WOULD GO BANKRUPT.
GOHDA FIRED FROM HIS PREVIOUS POSITION AT XXXXX HOTEL BECAUSE OF A SEXUAL AFFAIR.
HAS BEEN BOUGHT OUT BY THE MAJORITY
KRAUSS
CONCEALS HIS USE OF KINZO'S FORTUNE AND KINZO'S DEATH. HIS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS HAVE ALL FAILED.
INTERVENED INTO THE CHILD PROTECTION STATE SYSTEM. MEMBERS OF A WELFARE INITIATIVE SEEM TO HAVE PROPOSED TO PUT MARIA INTO A SHELTER SYSTEM.
HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN FRAUDULENT BUSINESS. HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF BREACHING CONTRACT AGREEMENTS WITH AN AMERICAN COMPANY.


BECAUSE NO LEAVES AND BRANCHES WILL PROSPER FROM SUCH ROTTEN ROOTS.
THAT IS THE DESTINY, THE KARMIC JUSTICE
FOR THIS HOUSEHOLD BORN FROM KINZO'S SINS AND CURSED GOLD.
IF ONE FAMILY WAS TO MAKE A MISTAKE THEN ALL OF THE PAST AND ALL THE SINS OF THE OTHER PEOPLE WOULD START TO BE REVEALED AS WELL AND IN THE END, THEY WOULD ALL FALL INTO RUIN.
EVEN IF THEY WERE TO OVERCOME THE FAMILY CONFERENCE OF 1986, THERE WOULD BE NO HAPPY FUTURE IN STORE FOR THEM.
SO COME AND DIE ...
TOGETHER WITH ME.

THEN NOBODY WILL HAVE TO SUFFER ANYMORE.

THE SCENARIO IS A RITUAL MURDER COMMITTED BY A WITCH.
WITH THE GOLD INGOTS ...
AND THE CASH CARD THAT WAS CHARGED WITH MONEY FROM CONVERTING SOME OF THE GOLD, AND THE FITTING KEY CODE...
THE PLAN BEHIND THE SCENES WAS MY FAMILY SUICIDE.
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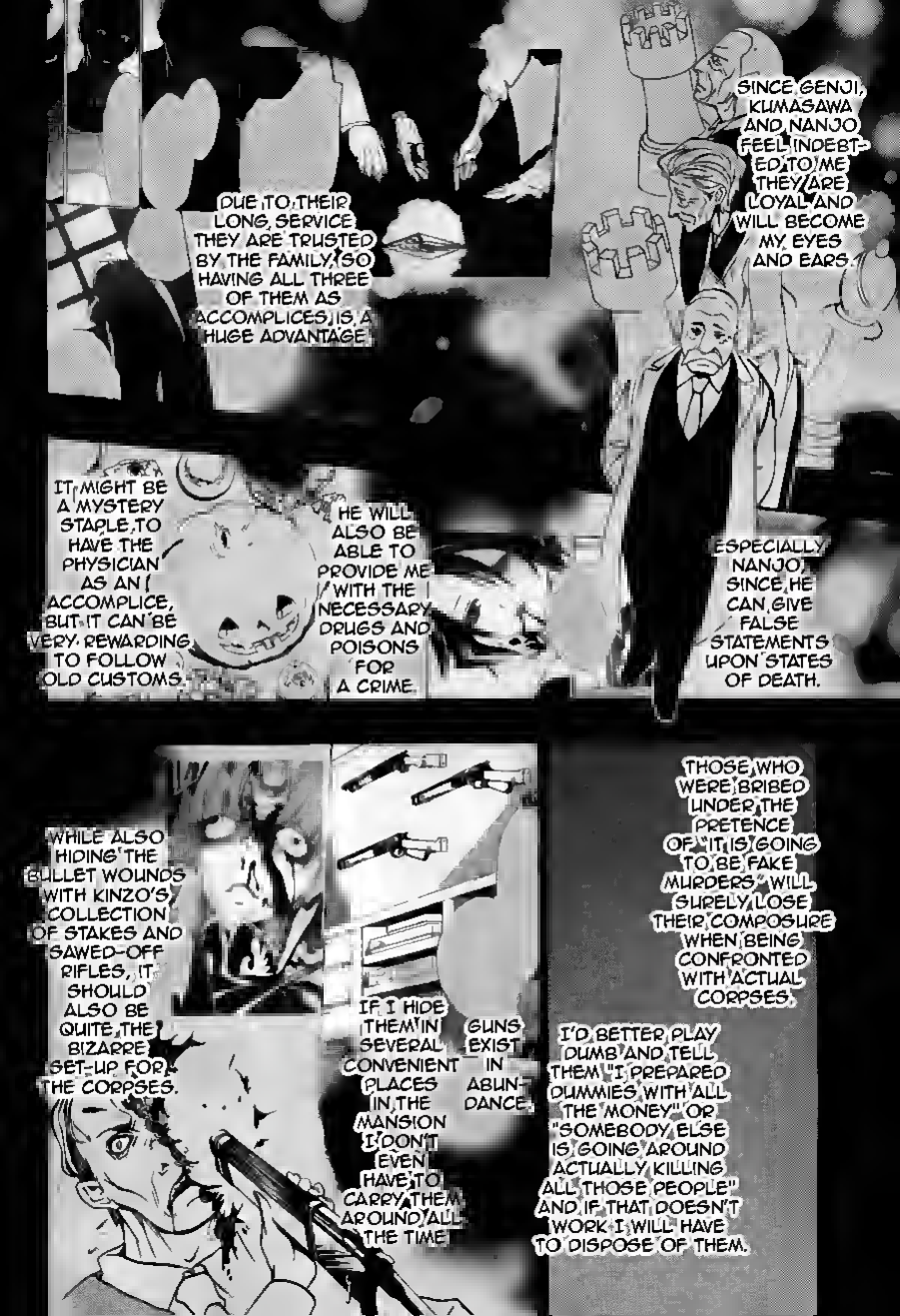
I WOULD TRY TO WIN THE ADULTS OVER TO MY SIDE.
FOR EVA AND HIDEYOSHI IT WOULD PROBABLY BE JUST AS WORTHWHILE TO USE GEORGE AS MY TRUMP CARD.
EVA'S ACTIONS ARE SIMPLE TO PREDICT, SHE IS SOFT TOWARDS HER NEXT OF KIN BUT QUICK TO LEAVE THOSE OUTSIDE OF HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY BEHIND.
SHE WOULD BE THE PERFECT PAWN IN MY GAME
THERE WOULD BE MORE GAIN IN JUST WATCHING HER IN TERROR, NOT KNOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING
BUT NATSUHI IS NOT VERY INTELLIGENT AND, SHE IS FAST TO ANGER, SO THERE IS PROBABLY NOT MUCH MERIT TO MAKING HER AN ACCOMPLICE
STILL, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HIDE MY TRUE IDENTITY WHEN SHOWING THEM THE GOLD AND THREATEN THEM WITH UNVEILING THEIR CONSPIRACY TO HIDE KINZO'S DEATH, THEIR EMBEZZLEMENT, OR THREATEN TO KILL JESSICA.
KRAUSS AND NATSUHI HAVE MANY WEAKNESSES, IT SHOULD BE EASY TO TURN THEM INTO MY PAWNS

IF I AM UNABLE TO MAKE THEM INTO MY PAWNS EARLY, I SHOULD DISPOSE OF THEM AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
A CLEAR DOWN-SIDE, IS THAT KYRIE IS FAST TO DOUBT PEOPLE.
IF I CAN BRIBE RUDOLPH AND KYRIE ALONGSIDE EVA, I COULD PROBABLY EMPLOY THEM AS ACTING MURDERERS.
THE ONE WITH THE MOST VALUE AS A PAWN IS MARIA.
A PETTY VILLAIN LIKE GOHDA SHOULD BE EASILY BRIBED AND MADE INTO A VALUABLE MEMBER INVOLVED IN THE SECRET AGREEMENT.
I DOUBT WHETHER ROSA WOULD BE OPEN TO DISCUSSION BASED ON MARIA'S LIFE, BUT SHE SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PROMISE OF GOLD.
YES, MARIA IS MY MOST PRECIOUS ACCOMPLICE, WHO I PROMISED TO TAKE TO THE GOLDEN LAND.
I WOULD NEVER ALLOW FOR HER BODY TO BE DISGRACED, SHE MUST REST IN PEACE.
ADORING THE WITCH, SHE WOULD DO WHATEVER I TELL HER, AND THERE LIES A TASTE OF TRUTH IN THE WORDS OF A TRUE BELIEVER LIKE HER.
SHE WOULD SURELY TAKE THE ROLE OF CONFUSING THE PEOPLE ON THE SCENE, AS WELL AS THICKENING THE PRESENCE OF THE WITCH.


DUE TO THEIR LONG SERVICE THEY ARE TRUSTED BY THE FAMILY, SO HAVING ALL THREE OF THEM AS ACCOMPLICES, IS A HUGE ADVANTAGE.
SINCE GENJI, KUMASAWA AND NANJO FEEL INDEBTED TO ME THEY ARE LOYAL AND WILL BECOME MY EYES AND EARS.
IT MIGHT BE A MYSTERY STAPLE TO HAVE THE PHYSICIAN AS AN ACCOMPLICE, BUT IT CAN BE VERY REWARDING TO FOLLOW OLD CUSTOMS.
HE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ME WITH THE NECESSARY DRUGS AND POISONS FOR A CRIME.
ESPECIALLY NANJO, SINCE HE CAN GIVE FALSE STATEMENTS UPON STATES OF DEATH.
WHILE ALSO HIDING THE BULLET WOUNDS WITH KINZO'S COLLECTION OF STAKES AND SAWED-OFF RIFLES, IT SHOULD ALSO BE QUITE THE BIZARRE SET-UP FOR THE CORPSES.
IF I HIDE THEM IN SEVERAL CONVENIENT PLACES IN THE MANSION I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO CARRY THEM AROUND ALL THE TIME!
GUNS EXIST IN ABUNDANCE.
THOSE WHO WERE BRIBED UNDER THE PRETENCE OF "IT IS GOING TO BE FAKE MURDERS" WILL SURELY LOSE THEIR COMPOSURE WHEN BEING CONFRONTED WITH ACTUAL CORPSES.
I'D BETTER PLAY DUMB AND TELL THEM "I PREPARED DUMMIES WITH ALL THE MONEY" OR "SOMEBODY ELSE IS GOING AROUND ACTUALLY KILLING ALL THOSE PEOPLE" AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK I WILL HAVE TO DISPOSE OF THEM.

I HAVE POWER OVER LIFE AND DEATH OF EVERY BEING ON THIS ISLAND! WITH THE MAGIC CALLED GOLD THEIR VERY THOUGHTS WILL DO AS I COMMAND!
IT IS ALL IN THE PALM OF MY HAND, THE HAND OF THE WITCH AND THE FAMILY HEAD.
THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM ARE ALL UNDER MY CONTROL.
BY SWITCHING THE BREAKER I CAN EASILY PRETEND THE PHONES WERE DISABLED.
I AM SPINNING THIS WORLD FROM 16 PIECES.
AS LONG AS I HAVE MY MAGIC I CAN SPIN COUNTLESS WORLDS WITHIN THE WORLD OF OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH.
AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN.

WHAT FRAGMENT SHALL I PEEK AT?
WHAT FRAGMENT SHALL I SPIN?
WHAT POCKET WILL THE ROULETTE HIT NEXT?
WHO WILL BE THE ACCOMPLICE?
WHO WILL BE THE VICTIM?
IT'S LIKE A KALEIDO-SCOPE!
THESE ARE ALL PARALLEL WORLDS FLOATING WITHIN THE CATBOX...
AND I AM THERE TO WATCH IN ON THEM.
IT GIVES BIRTH TO ENDLESS FRAGMENTS IN THIS CATBOX CALLED OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH...
THIS END-LESS IF...
NOW I HAVE FINALLY BECOME A TRUE WITCH!
THIS IS WONDERFUL! MY MAGIC IS UNFATHOMABLE!
AND SOON ANOTHER NEW FRAGMENT WILL BE SPUN.
SO, NO MATTER WHAT DEVELOPMENT OR WHAT RESULT THERE IS, I WILL SURELY BE SATISFIED.
BECAUSE I HAVE ABANDONED MAKING ANY CHOICES...
I JUST HAVE TO GO ABOUT IT AT RANDOM. IF I END UP GETTING CORNERED, THEN I MIGHT JUST KILL ANYBODY RIGHT THEN AND THERE...
AT TIMES, I FOLLOW IT. AT OTHER TIMES, I PLAY AROUND.
I DO NOT HAVE TO ABANDON MY PLAN.

THIS IS A LEVEL OF OVER-HEAD VIEW THAT HUMANS CANNOT REACH!
THIS IS MY DO-MAIN!
HAPPY HALLOWE'EN FOR MARIA

YOU ARE CALLING YOURSELF A WITCH, AREN'T YOU?
YES.
I AM ALREADY A WITCH.

I NEED TO BE OBSERVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY A BEING EVEN HIGHER THAN MYSELF.
BUT, TO PROVE THAT I HAVE TRULY SURPASSED THE DOMAIN OF HUMANS ...
IF YOU SHOULD BE THAT ...
THEN PLEASE, MAKE ME A WITCH.
THEN I WILL MAKE YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ME!...
BECAUSE I AM ALREADY A WITCH WITHOUT BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY ANYBODY.
AND IF I SAY NO?

YOU HUMANS ARE NAUGHT BUT SPLINTERS TOSSED AROUND BY THE DESTINY THAT WE GIVE RISE TO.
AND, EVEN HIGHER THAN US... THOSE ARE THE ONES FREED FROM ALL CONSTRAINTS, RULERS OF ALL THINGS IN CREATION, THE GODS ...
TO TREAD FROM THE PHYSICAL REALM OF HUMANS OVER THE THRESHOLD INTO THE REALM BETWEEN THE FRAGMENTS IS A FEAT THAT ONLY US "WITCHES" CAN PULL OFF..
AND YOU, LITTLE WOOD-CHIP SAY, THAT YOU WANT TO BE ON ONE LEVEL WITH ME?
AND BY YOUR MAGIC SYSTEM.
BY YOU.
I AM TRULY INTRIGUED.
SINCE THIS CHILD SWORE TO ME TO "BECOME A GOD" YOU ARE THE FIRST TO RAISE MY INTEREST.

WHILE YOU ARE NOUGHT BUT HUMAN FLESH, BY BRINGING YOUR SPIRIT ON MY PLANE OF EXISTENCE YOU CREATED A PROPER DOMAIN
THIS CATBOX OF YOURS HOLDS PERFECT AND ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.
AAH!
HOW FAR WILL YOU BE ABLE TO EASE MY BOREDOM, I WONDER.

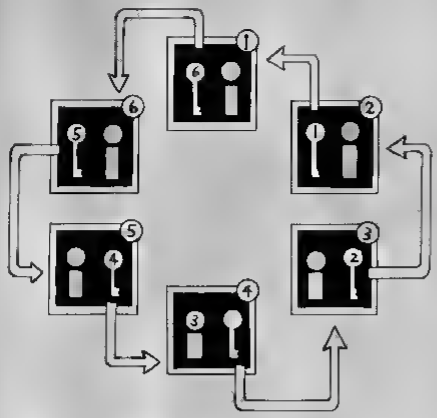
VERY WELL!
IN THE NAME OF THE WITCH OF CERTAINTY LAMBDA-DELTA ...
I AC-KNOWL-EDGE YOU AS A WITCH ...!!
AS LONG AS YOUR "CERTAIN MAGIC WORLD" KEEPS BEING "CERTAIN" THAT IS!!
I WILL FOREVER CONTINUE TO BE YOUR GUARDIAN ...!!!

I SHALL SPIN IT UNTIL I AM SATIS-FIED!!
THIS END-LESS TRAG-EDY OF OCTO-BER 4TH AND 5TH ...

THE TIME LIMIT IS MIDNIGHT ON OCTOBER 5TH
UNTIL THAT MOMENT
SOOT OF EXPLOSIVES WILL BLOW THIS ISLAND AWAY

TRY AND STOP ME !!
WELL THEN
THE PARENTS WILL DEFINITELY GATHER IN ONE PLACE AND DISCUSS FAMILY MATTERS UNTIL DEEP IN THE NIGHT ON THE 4TH
MURDER WILL BE SO SIMPLE
THEIR BODIES WILL BE HAULED TO THE STORAGE SHED THAT HAS BEEN PAINTED WITH A MAGIC CIRCLE BEFOREHAND, AND TO HIDE THE BULLET HOLES I WILL USE THE SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN TO BLOW OFF THEIR FACES

IF I PUT POISON INTO THE DRINKS THEY TOAST WITH I CAN BRING IT TO A FAST END.
IF I MAKE THE FIRST TWILIGHT AS HORRIBLE AND OCCULT AS POSSIBLE AND PLAY IT OFF LIKE AN IMPOSSIBLE CRIME HIS INTEREST SHOULD DEFINITELY BE PEAKED AND HE WILL FEEL LIKE TAKING ON THE RIDDLE.
IF I KILL EITHER SHANNON OR KANON EARLY ON THEN MOVING AROUND AFTER THAT WILL BECOME SO MUCH EASIER.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IT MIGHT ALSO BECOME VERY ENJOYABLE TO PRESENT MYSELF AS THE ACTUAL LIVING BEATRICE
WITH THE TWO SETS OF KEYS I CARRY, THAT OF SHANNON AND KANON...
IF DONE RIGHT I CAN ALSO PULL OFF SOME LOCKED ROOM TRICKS.



A CHAIN-LOCKED-ROOM THAT SEALS IN THE CORPSES AND KEYS IN A CONSECUTIVE LINK!

YES, THERE WAS ONE IDEA FOR A LOCKED ROOM THAT I HAVE REAL CONFIDENCE IN.

THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT (1) HAS TO BE AT A PLACE AS FAR AWAY AND AS DIFFICULT TO FIND AS POSSIBLE.

(6) ON THE OTHER HAND, MUST BE VERY EASY TO SPOT. IT MUST BE A ROOM THAT HAS A WINDOW OR SOMETHING, WHICH ALLOWS THE LOCKED ROOM TO BE EASILY DESTROYED FROM THE OUTSIDE.

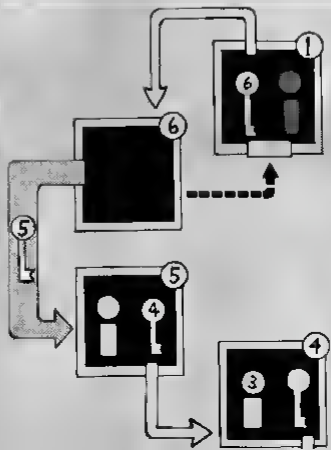
FIRST, STARTING WITH ROOM (2) AND GOING AROUND, I SEAL IN A CORPSE AND THE KEY OF THE ROOM BEFORE BY LOCKING THEM IN.

IN (1) THERE IS ONLY THE KEY FOR (6) AND THE DOOR IS LEFT UN-LOCKED.

FINALLY I ENTER ROOM (6), LOCK THE DOOR WITH THE INSIDE-LOCK AND PRETEND TO BE DEAD.

NANJO'S HELP IS ESSENTIAL IN THIS BUT THERE IS A VERY HIGH GAIN TO IT.

IN THE MEAN-TIME I WILL SNEAK OUT THROUGH THE BROKEN WINDOW AND ENTER (1), LOCK THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE AND AGAIN PRETEND TO BE DEAD.



THE PEOPLE DISCOVERING (6) WILL EASILY BREAK THE WINDOW PANE AND ENTER THE LOCKED ROOM, FINDING THE KEY TO (5) INSIDE AND BEING LEAS IN REVERSE ORDER AROUND THE ROOMS.

I WOULD JUST HAVE TO PLACE A STAKE BEFORE-HAND...
OF COURSE THERE IS ALSO THE METHOD OF LOCKING THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE AND THEN COMMITTING SUICIDE TO CREATE A LOCKED-ROOM
I READ THAT IN ONE OF THOSE MANY MYSTERY NOVELS
THEN THE ILLUSION OF THE WITCH WOULD PREVAIL BEYOND MY DEATH, WOULDN'T IT?!
YOU TIE THE GUN TO A STRING OF WIRE AND THE BLAST FROM THE SHOT WILL CATAPULT IT BACK BEHIND A PIECE OF FURNITURE TO HIDE IT
SINCE NOBODY EXCEPT THE SERVANTS WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCERN A TRUE KEY OF THIS MANSION FROM A FAKE ONE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
EVEN IF I WAS TO LOOK THE ROOM FROM THE OUTSIDE THEN, THE ILLUSION OF A LOCKED ROOM WOULDN'T BE BROKEN.
OTHERWISE I COULD ATTACH A MISLEADING TAG TO THE WRONG KEY AND PLACE IT IN A ROOM...
AAH, BUT EVEN IF I DON'T GO THROUGH THE HUGE TROUBLE OF PREPARATION, I STILL HAVE MY GOLDEN MAGIC OF THE SECRET AGREEMENTS
OF THOSE MANY TRICKS I KNOW, WHICH ONE SHOULD I PUT TO THE TEST?!

AS LONG AS I HAVE MY MAGIC...
ANY LOCK-ED-ROOM TRICK...
ANY IMPOS-SIBLE CRIME IS AT MY FREE DISPOSABLE JUST BY PINNING THE CRIME ON SOMEBODY ELSE!!
ANY TRICK OF VAN-ISH-ING CORPSES...

OR RATHER MAKE EVERYONE INTO ACCOMPLICES OF THE FAKE MURDER GAME.

SOMETIMES I MIGHT EVEN CARRY OUT THE MURDERS WITHOUT ANY ACCOMPLICES ..

HOW WILL THE PIECES MOVE WHEN I POINT MY FINGER?

WHAT TO DO NEXT? A ROYAL -ROAD MYSTERY? A REALLY BIZARRE HORROR STORY?

...WHETHER THEY TRULY FULFIL MY EXPECTATIONS.

I SHOULD TEST...

RULES

FROM THE THREE ITEMS LISTED BELOW CHOOSE ONE AS A SACRIFICE TO GAIN THE OTHER TWO.

1. YOUR OWN LIFE
2. _____'S LIFE
3. EVERYBODY ELSE'S LIVES

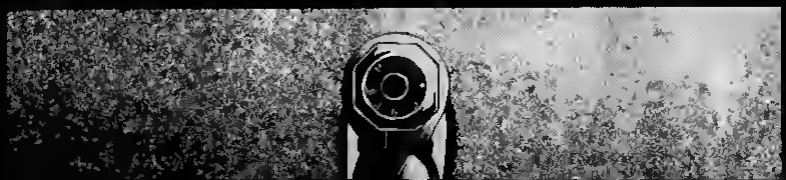
IF YOU CHOOSE NOTHING THEN YOU WILL LOSE ALL OF THE ABOVE.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME.

THANK YOU, MY BELOVED PEOPLE.

YOU WILL BE WITH ME FOREVER...

...EVEN AS SOULS AFTER WE DIE.



YOU TWO WOULD GLADLY SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO MY DESIRE, RIGHT ...?

IS THIS REALLY RIGHT ...?

REALLY ...?
SOMETHING SO HORRIBLE ...

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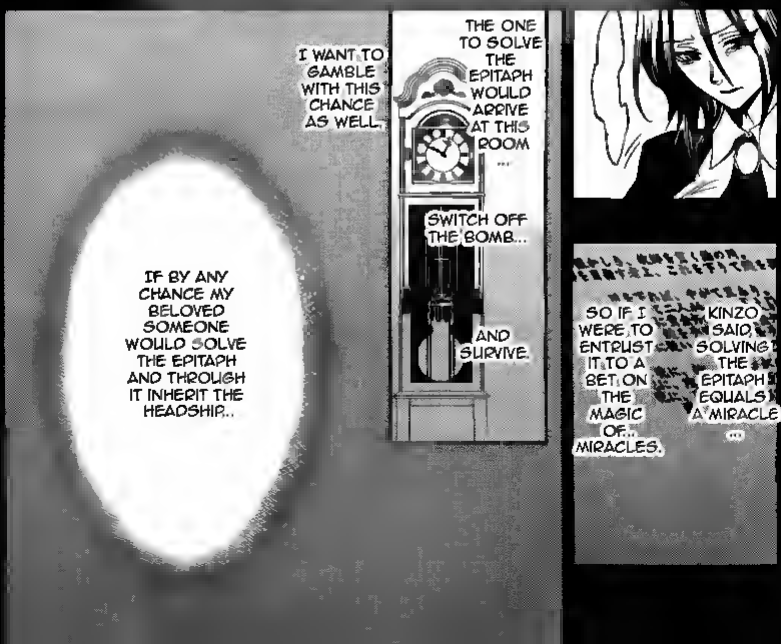
TO MAKE THOSE I LOVE TAKE PART UNWILLINGLY, TO MAKE THE FAMILIES OF THE ONE'S I LOVE TAKE PART UNWILLINGLY ...
CAN I BE SATISFIED WITH THAT? IS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT THING...?

I WANT THE PEOPLE I LOVE SO MUCH ...
NO, THIS CAN NEVER BE RIGHT
...TO LIVE.
BECAUSE I REALLY

WANT TO LIVE HAPPILY, IF IT CAN BE GRANTED SOMEHOW...
WHAT IS THIS?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU COULD STILL LEAD A HAPPY LIFE?
AFTER ALL YOU HAVE DONE...
FURNITU-UUUUU-UUUUU-UUURE!!

RULE 2: PLEASE, SOMEBODY STOP ME!


I WANT TO GAMBLE WITH THIS CHANCE AS WELL.
THE ONE TO SOLVE THE EPITAPH WOULD ARRIVE AT THIS ROOM ...
SWITCH OFF THE BOMB...
AND SURVIVE.
IF BY ANY CHANCE MY BELOVED SOMEONE WOULD SOLVE THE EPITAPH AND THROUGH IT INHERIT THE HEADSHIP...
SO IF I WERE TO ENTRUST IT TO A BET ON THE MAGIC OF MIRACLES.
KINZO SAID, SOLVING THE EPITAPH EQUALS A MIRACLE ...

I WOULD DEVOTE MY LIFE TO THAT MIRACLE
I WOULD THROW A WAY ALL MY OTHER EMOTIONS AND WOULD LIVE FOREVER AT THAT PERSON'S SIDE...
AND I WOULD STOP THE MURDERS AND CONFESS ALL OF MY SINS

SUCH A RESULT, WHATEVER END IT MIGHT BRING, I COULD ACCEPT IT...

FOR THIS WOULD SURELY BE MY PUNISHMENT.

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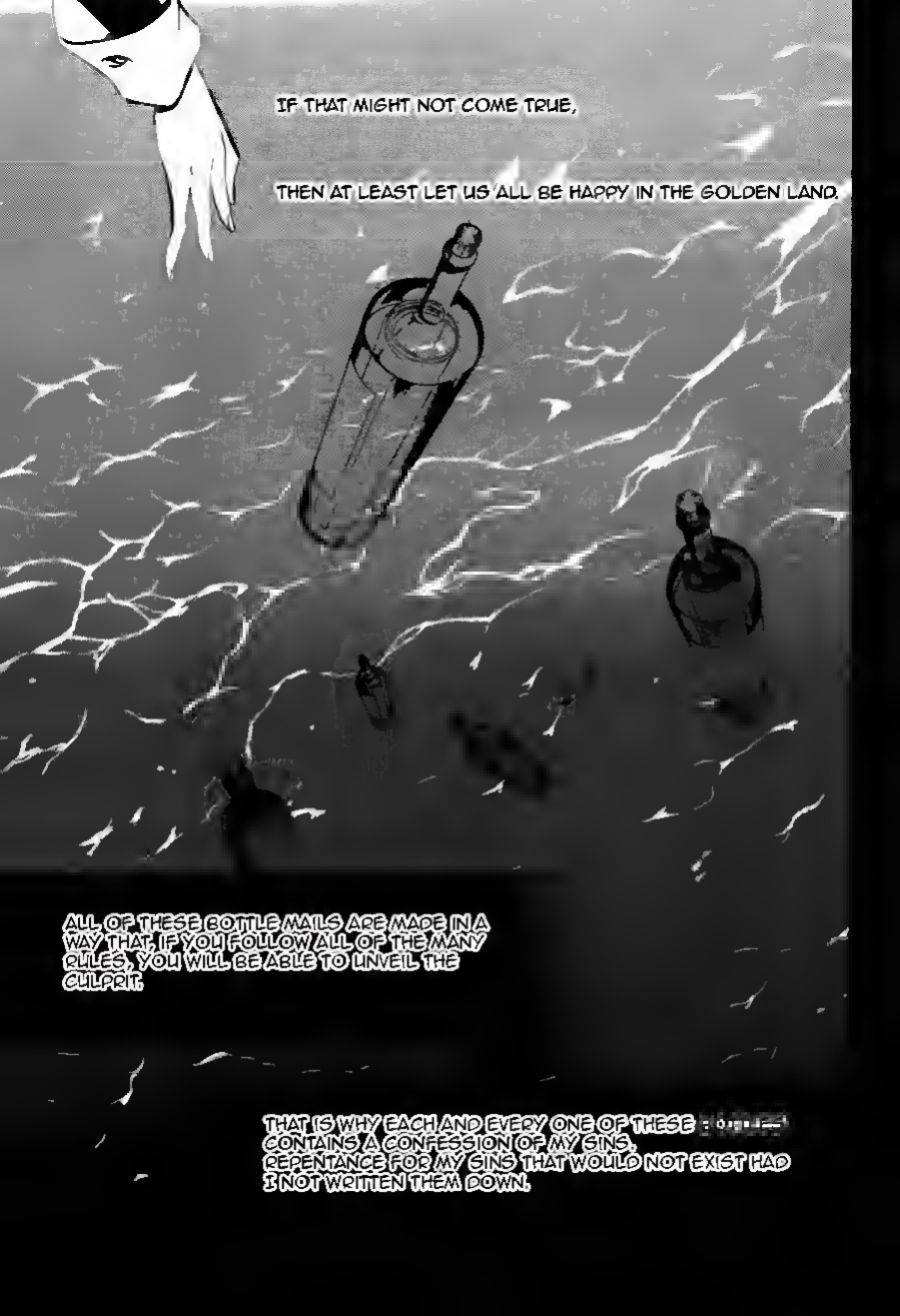
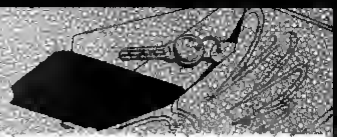

IF THAT MIGHT NOT COME TRUE,
THEN AT LEAST LET US ALL BE HAPPY IN THE GOLDEN LAND.
ALL OF THESE BOTTLE MAILS ARE MADE IN A WAY THAT, IF YOU FOLLOW ALL OF THE MANY RULES, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UNVEIL THE CULPRIT.
THAT IS WHY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE [illegible] CONTAINS A CONFESSION OF MY SINS, REPENTANCE FOR MY SINS THAT WOULD NOT EXIST HAD I NOT WRITTEN THEM DOWN.

AT LEAST AS A SMALL APOLOGY
I SEND THE BEREAVED FAMILIES
A VERY SMALL GOLDEN LAND OF MINE.

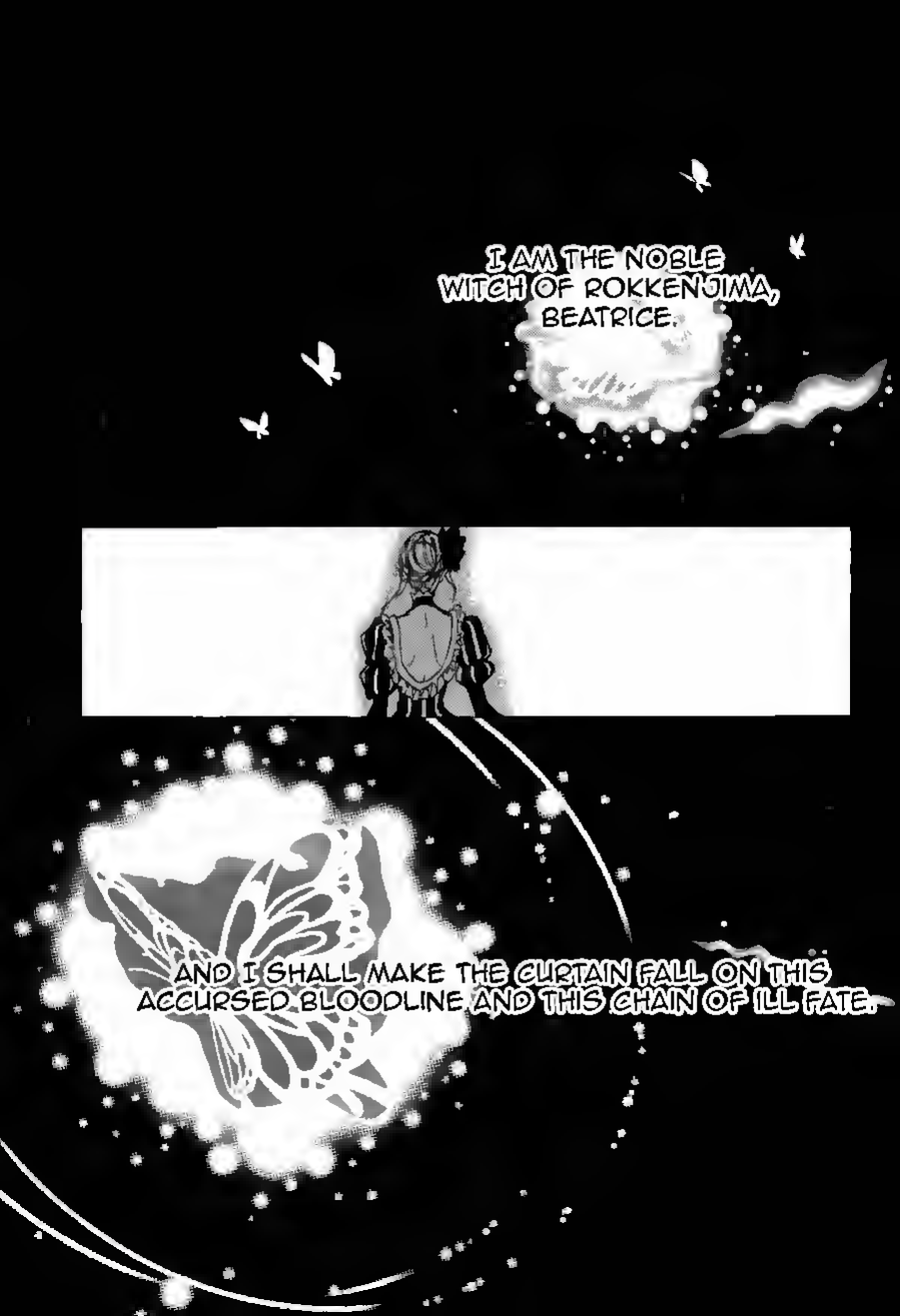


...OF COURSE I KNOW THAT THESE WOULD NOT EXCUSE ANY OF WHAT I DID

ONCE I WOULD HAVE MARIA-SAMA RECITE THE
INVITATION I MADE HER MEMORIZE, THE CURTAIN
ON THIS TRAGEDY WOULD HAVE TO RISE, I ASSUME.

AFTER THAT IT WOULD ALL BE LEFT TO THE RESULT OF THE ROULETTE.
ON OCTOBER 5TH WHEN THE BELL STRIKES MIDNIGHT...

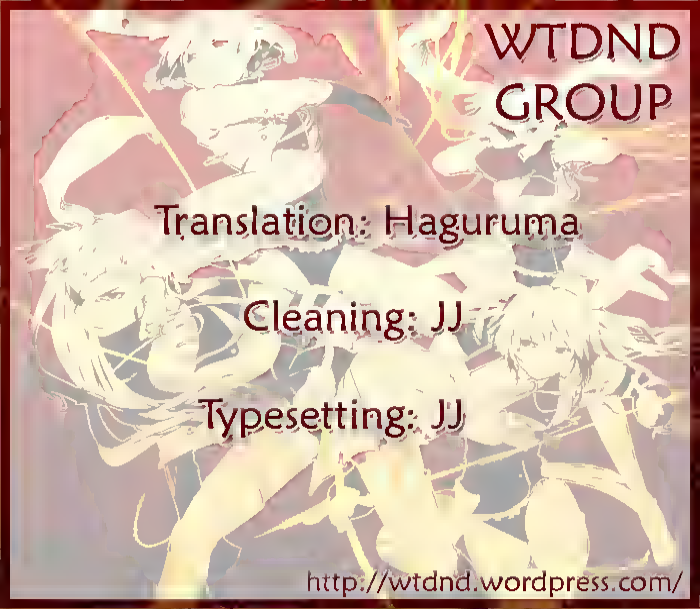
WE WILL SURELY ALL BE WELCOMED TO A LAND
WHERE WE ARE FREED FROM ALL OF OUR SUFFERING.


I AM THE NOBLE WITCH OF ROKKENJIMA, BEATRICE.
AND I SHALL MAKE THE CURTAIN FALL ON THIS ACCURSED BLOODLINE AND THIS CHAIN OF ILL FATE.

AND IF BY ANY CHANCE
I MIGHT BE FORGIVEN...

PLEASE GRANT ME THE MIRACLE
OF SMILING WITH THAT PERSON...

WHEN THE SEAGULLS CRY.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